

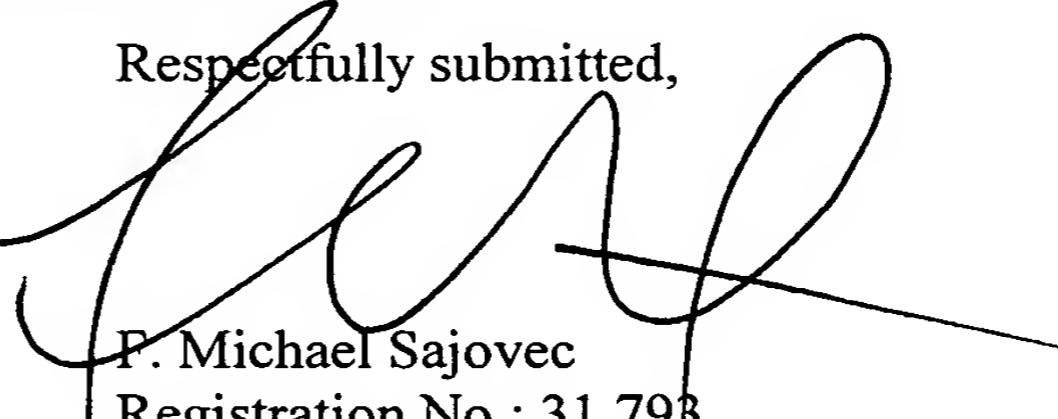
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REMARKS

Applicants hereby request further consideration of the application in view of the amendments above and the comments that follow. Applicants have amended the title as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have cancelled non-elected Claims 2-5.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims are in condition for allowance except for the formal matters discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any small matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

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